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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1906.

Our telegram of yesterday, announcing that His Majesty the King had launched the new battleship *Dreadnought* at Portsmouth on February 10th, deserves more attention than it is likely to receive just now, when the minds of the community are so full of royalty and racing. It was no ordinary event in British naval history, and it does not depend for its interest upon the mere fact that the new warship happens to be the greatest in the world. The *Fleet Annual* and *Naval Year Book* for 1906—a new and valuable publication, by the way, from the Westminster Press—describes the event as “the sensation of the year.” It is barely three years since a vessel on similar lines was discussed as an ideal battleship for the British fleet. It is not often that such Jules Verne-like ideals are realised, but in the case of the *Dreadnought*, the ideal has been actually surpassed. In 1903 Colonel CROMBIE dreamed of a seventeen thousand ton ship with twelve 12in. guns, armoured with 12in. plating, and having the speed of a cruiser. He asked if it were possible to provide these things. If it were, “such a ship,” without throwing away a single shot, without wasting ammunition, secure in her exuberant protection, with her twelve guns ready, would swiftly descend on her adversary and pour in a terrible converging fire at the belt. Having disposed of her first antagonist, she would at once

proceed to attack another, and, almost untouched, to dispatch yet another.” Given the required speed, he went on to say, the battleship of which he dreamed would be “absolutely supreme,” and able to “overtake any of the enemy's battleships and oblige them to fight. With this in mind, and remembering that the new craft has a thousand tons more, a horse-power of 23,000, a speed of 21 knots, a crew of 850, ten of those terrible 12in. guns, as well as eighteen of 3in. calibre, great things may be expected of the appropriately named *Dreadnought*. “There is little doubt,” says the *Fleet* writer, “that this ship marks a new era in battleship construction, and that secondary batteries will die out.” With her battery of ten big guns, she can throw in one broadside 8,500 lbs. of ammunition, or nearly twice as much as the *Formidable*. Two such vessels ought, in theory, to be equal to a squadron of average strength. We mentioned some days ago that the *Dreadnought* is the first warship to adopt the system of turbine propulsion, and we understand there is something secret about her construction to account for her remarkable speed, which has yet, of course, to be tested. Great Britain, it is to be observed, has not been so impressed by the Battle of Tsushima as Germany was. The British naval programme includes, in addition to the big battleship, four armoured cruisers, 18 destroyers, and eleven submarines, whereas Germany is greatly increasing the number of her torpedo craft—a fleet of eighty is actually in contemplation. It would be outside the nature of things for America, the land of big things, to be satisfied to see any other country beating her in mere size; and so even the *Dreadnought* has to be exceeded. The *South Carolina* and her sister battleships are projected to have displacements of twenty thousand tons and twelve 12 in. guns, instead of the 10,000 and eight respectively first projected. Japan also, it is rumoured, is not over-impressed by her own achievements with lesser craft, and is thinking of a nineteen thousand ton battleship with four 12 in. and twelve 10 in. guns, and a speed of nineteen knots, with two monster cruisers in addition. This, however, is only a rumour, and, if they have to wait until Japan herself can build them, need not seriously be considered. The same remark applies to the ambitious programme of the Russian navy, for different reasons.

The twelfth plague fatality was recorded on the 12th inst.

The Chinese Army manoeuvres at Peking last autumn cost £1,300,000.

Russia has agreed to deduct from the Boxer indemnity five million taels as compensation for Chinese losses in the Vladivostok riots.

The following telegram has been received from the Government of Burma dated the 10th inst.:—“Hongkong has been declared an infested area. Inform shipping firms.”

The Russo-Japanese supplementary treaty negotiations are causing the Waiwipa some anxiety. The Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has been ordered to keep his eyes and ears open.

During the week ending February 10th, nine cases of smallpox were notified, seven ending fatally. Seven of them were in the city. There has been quite a run on the public vaccination office.

The Ecuador Steam Ship Co. was incorporated on December 9th, at Guayaquil. Its ships will run between Valparaiso and Panama. The capital is one hundred thousand cordobas.

The N.C. Daily News remarks:—Messrs. Pollock and Gershom Stewart protested with much eloquence at the meeting of the Hongkong Land, etc., Co., but it ended in the usual dry resolutions being passed as usual.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Feb. 11th shows that of non-Chinese there were 287 to the Library and 100 to the Museum; and of Chinese 196 to the former and 10,408 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 483 persons, and the Museum by 10,508.

The sale of opium by Government monopoly having already been put into effect in the provinces of Chihli and Hupoh, Their Excellencies Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, Chou Fu, Chang Chih-tung, and Tsen Chun-huan consider that the consent of the British Minister at Peking ought to be obtained for reducing the amount of opium imported into China, as its sale affects the due operation of the monopoly.

In an Indian newspaper appeared an advertisement:—“How to Cure Red Noses permanently; absolute secrecy; send 2s. 8d. and stamped envelope.” Many ladies thinking, says the *Gentleman*, their noses pinker than was becoming, wrote, and on opening their stamped envelopes read, “Go on drinking until it becomes purple.” No one cared to show up this brave advertiser for fear of being laughed at, and so stamped envelopes and two-and-eight-pences still flowed in.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Bruce Shepherd, late Land Officer Receiver in Bankruptcy. Mr. Shepherd died on February 6th at Sidmouth, in Devonshire, and leaves numerous friends—those who will be sorry to learn of his untimely end.

It is reported from Peking that the Empress Dowager has lately selected several sons of the blood nearest to the throne, to reside and study in the Palace. The object of this is to find which of the young boys is best fitted by his daily conduct and talents to fill the high post of successor to the Emperor, should His Majesty unfortunately not leave the happiness of possessing a son to succeed him on his demise.

Messrs. P. B. Petit & Co. report that the yarn market trade in China, especially Indian yarn trade, has experienced an unprecedented period. As an invariable rule at the meeting of the two Chinese years—the death of the old and the birth of the new—business is brought almost to a standstill, but this time there has been an exception to the rule and business went merrily on, both before and after the New Year. Shanghai has stood foremost in relieving Hongkong of a very large stock, and Shanghai in her turn was backed up by the northern ports. Bombay market is also brisk, but Japan has just sounded an alarm and attributes the present appearance of plague in Osaka and other places to Bombay, and measures are being concerted to stop imports of cotton from Bombay. Exactly ten years ago Bombay levelled the same charge against Hongkong when plague made its first appearance in the former place. Japanese commissioners are going out to Bombay and it is to be earnestly hoped that the worst fears of the Japanese authority in the matter may be dissipated.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

Yesterday H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught and suite passed a quiet day, there being no programme arranged, except that in the evening he dined privately with His Excellency the General Officer Commanding Major General Villiers Hutton. As already announced, the Prince will embark from Blake Pier to-night at 10 o'clock, going on board the flagship *Diadem*, in which he will complete his journey to Japan.

THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE.

The *Directory and Chronicle* for China, Japan, Corea, Straits Settlements, Indo-China, the Philippines, Netherlands India, etc., for 1906, being the forty-fourth annual issue of the volume, is now on sale at all the ports of the Far East. The volume grows in bulk every succeeding year and in the current volume the pages of the complete edition number 1,720 exclusive of the illustrated advertisements it contains. The war between Russia and Japan rendered obsolete certain agreements appearing in previous issues of the volume relating to Manchuria and Corea, but the new agreements concluded during the past twelve months more than fill up the space in the volume which the other agreements occupied. There is, for instance, the treaty of peace between Japan and Russia; as well as Japan's agreement with China regarding Manchuria; her Protectorate agreement with Corea, and her treaty of alliance with Great Britain. The Haungpu Conservancy Convention also appears. Besides these, it will be observed that the previously existing Orders in Council governing British subjects in China and Corea have been replaced by the new order in Council which is now in force. The new rules for H.B.M.'s Supreme Court for China and Corea necessitated by the new Order in Council being not yet available, the old rules remain for the present in force modified in some important respects by certain provisional rules which have been adopted and which are included in the present volume.

There is little that is new to be said concerning the Directory portion of the book. Every effort has, as usual, been made to obtain lists of the foreign firms established in every centre of foreign trade between Vladivostok and Netherlands India as complete and satisfactory as possible. Unfortunately such efforts have for a second time not been entirely successful in the case of Vladivostok, where the disturbances appear to have interrupted the postal service to a considerable extent and delayed many returns. It would also appear that no foreign firms have yet been permitted to re-establish themselves in Port Arthur. At Tientsin (the new name for Tientsin) commercial firms, mainly Japanese, have returned to cater for the needs which must be considerable in that district after so exhausting a war. The descriptions of the various trade centres have been brought up to date and the statistical information regarding the trade and population of each place revised in accordance with the latest available official returns. The contents of the book are fully set forth in the advertisement which is published with to-day's issue, and in commending the book to the public, we need do no more than give the assurance that the current issue will be found to fully maintain the reputation which this “hardy annual” has so long enjoyed.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has fallen over Japan, and risen over the Loo-Choo and Formosa.
A depression lies to the N.E. of Japan and the high pressure area remains over N. China.
Pressure is again inclined to give way over S. China.
Strong monsoon is indicated in the Formosa Channel and along the S. coast of China.
Forecast—Strong N.E. breezes; fair at first, probably some rain later.

TELEGRAMS.

“DAILY PRESS” EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

BRITISH ADMIRALS KNIGHTED.

LONDON, February 12th.

In connection with the launch of the battleship *Dreadnought*, the King has conferred knighthood upon Rear-Admiral Barry, the Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard, and upon Rear-Admiral Percy Scott. The latter honour was in recognition of Admiral Sir Percy Scott's efforts to improve the shooting in the navy.

EXPECTED RUPTURE OVER MOROCCO.

LONDON, February 12th.

It is now believed that the conference re the Morocco affair will end in rupture.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, February 12th.

The New Parliament meets to-morrow.

(REUTERS'S SERVICE.)

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, February 10th.

A telegram from Algiers, published in Berlin, says that a favourable outcome of the conference was expected, until the French delegates suddenly desired an immediate settlement of the policing question; it declares that the German delegates will not assent to Frenchifying the whole coast, which would legitimise the incorporation of Morocco with French Africa.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, February 10th.

The Washington House has passed a bill revising the Philippine tariff; increasing the duty on European made cotton goods.

THE REPORTED JAPANESE ESPIONAGE IN SYDNEY.

LONDON, February 10th.

Minister Playford, who investigated the reported case of espionage, has ascertained that the story is unfounded.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, February 12th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

REFUSING DUTY.

Eight of the crew of these *Afghan Monarchs* were charged with refusing duty on that vessel in the harbour on Saturday.

Captain Walker stated that on the morning in question he ordered the defendants to do certain work, but they refused. On ordering them a second time they said they would not work while Chinese were engaged.

Some of the defendants stated that their reason for refusing was because the chief engineer treated them so badly. One of the men informed, his Worship that the engineer threatened them with a revolver on the voyage from Manila to Kimberley in Western Australia. His Worship gave the defendants an opportunity of re-nouncing to their work, which all embraced with the exception of the seventh defendant, who said the chief engineer told him he was not wanted on board.

The summonses against the first six defendants were adjourned *vine die*, while the seventh defendant was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

LANDSLIDE IN AMERICA.

HOUSES FALL 100 FEET.

A serious landslide occurred at Haverstraw, New York, on January 9. Eight houses were precipitated from a height of 100 feet into a clay pit attached to a brickyard, and 16 persons, some of whom were members of the leading families, were killed.

It is supposed that the slip was caused by the excavation of clay being carried to a point too close to the street. Most of the injured were in bed when the accident occurred. The debris of the houses caught fire, and those who fell perished in the flames.

The water main was carried away, and the firemen were, therefore, practically helpless.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 11th Feb. and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th Feb.

The S.S. Co. str. *Empress of China* arrived in New York on Saturday, the 10th inst. The Boston S.S. Co. str. *Hyades* sailed from Shanghai on the 10th inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The Boston S.S. Co. str. *Tremont* sailed from Shanghai on the 10th inst. for Hongkong, and Manila.

The P. & A. str. *Arabia* left Moji on Saturday, the 10th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the morning of the 16th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. str. *Yankee* left Singapore yesterday morning, and is due here on the 17th inst.

HAMBURG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Jan. 9th.

GERMAN TRADE EXPANSION.

The annual report of the Chamber of Commerce which appeared as usual in the last week of December fully corroborates the Government pamphlet on the expansion of the trade of Germany of which I sent a short summary a month ago. It brings little that is new, so in order to avoid repetition, I confine myself to the reproduction of the opening passages and of a few short observations on the trade with China and Japan. The report begins by stating that the year under review has on the whole proved satisfactory, the general improvement in trade which set in in 1903 and continued throughout 1904 having made further progress. In spite of a feeling of uneasiness caused by political events. It may be attributed in part to the favourable result of the harvest, for, although the yield of the cereal and other crops was nothing out of the common, the prices obtained were good, owing to a less keen competition on the part of the United States. The activity in various industries was particularly marked in the second half of the year and might well have been thought to exceed the bounds of a healthy movement if it had not been for extensive orders from countries abroad, the import duties of which will be raised on the coming into operation of the new German Customs Tariff on March 1. That this may lead to an overstocking of the foreign markets and a consequent reaction later on, is highly probable, for the present, however, both manufacturers and the shipping trade of Hamburg have profited by it. The stringency of the money market testifies to the increasing want of capital by the commercial and industrial world.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

With regard to the trade with the Far East the report observes that it has hardly been affected by the Russo-Japanese war, nor by the subsequent peace; that business with the southern provinces of China has on the whole been unsatisfactory owing to the financial crisis in native banking circles, which, whilst causing the downfall of many Chinese firms and the locking up of much capital, compelled foreign merchants to exercise extreme caution and to restrict their credits. In Shanghai and the North, on the other hand, trade has been good, the demand on the part of the armies during the war and afterwards for supplies of all kinds necessitating constant large imports from Europe. The competition of Japan, however, is making itself felt everywhere and although, taking it altogether, the export business has been satisfactory, shipments to Europe have been curtailed by the requirements of that country.

German exports to Japan show an increase in most articles such as machinery, locomotives, nails, paper, artificial indigo, leather, textile fabrics and latterly sugar. The rice crop of the country had suffered severely from storms and inundations, although perhaps not to the extent it was at first feared; silk, on the other hand, has yielded a full supply, and in other articles trade has been on the usual scale. The financial system of Japan has stood the test of the war in a surprising manner; German firms have for the first time participated in the negotiation of loans for the Government.

THE COLONIES.

The German colonies are dealt with at some length and confidence is expressed in their future successful development. In laying the report before the “Ehrbarer Kaufmann,” the merchants' association of Hamburg, at the annual general meeting of that body on Dec. 30, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided, having dwelt on some of the more important points went on to say that he was sure all present shared the feelings of gratitude to which they had given expression in the concluding lines of their report, that after the grave apprehension entertained by the commercial community at one time as to the preservation of peace, all danger of a rupture now seemed averted. He noted with pleasure the endeavours made on both sides of the German Ocean to arrive at a better understanding and the growing conviction that the real duty incumbent on two such nations as the German and the English lay in free and peaceful commercial emulation and in their civilizing mission to distant races, and that feelings of mutual resentment, as had lately prevailed, were much to be deplored. The Chamber had always noted on those principles, and that they were equally held by influential bodies in the United Kingdom was shown by a most courteous invitation from the London Chamber of Commerce which they had had much pleasure in accepting. “Both nations will best serve their own interests by seeking to obtain a correct knowledge of each others characters and by endeavouring to learn from one another; out of this will arise increased mutual respect and esteem, the necessary postulates for amicable relations. Let us all, gentlemen, do our best to help in disseminating such views.”

RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.

Another of our leading merchants then rose and said that it was difficult for people in Hamburg, where the commercial relations with Great Britain were of the closest, in many instances assuming the nature of personal friendship, to understand what were the reasons which could cause permanent unfriendliness between the two nations, or worse still, serious dissensions. An ill-advised press had poisoned the minds of the public in both countries, making people in England believe in hostile designs on the part of Germany, and vice versa. This was a dangerous state of affairs, as misguided public opinion might at critical moments throw

a heavy weight into the scales. It was, therefore, high time that this press feud should cease and that on both sides the voices of those should be heard, who possess an intimate knowledge of the other country and its people. He hailed with extreme satisfaction the public manifestations of more friendly feelings that had lately taken place in both countries, but so far Hamburg had not spoken, although it would be difficult to find in any other town so great a number of men thoroughly acquainted with the character of the English nation as had met on the present occasion, and he had no doubt that they all felt grateful for the opportunity afforded them to give utterance to the kindly feelings they entertained towards the English. As to the causes of the estrangement he was told that the augmentation of their naval forces had given umbrage to the British nation, but he could not conceive any rational Englishman denying them the right to build a fleet such as they required for the protection of their constantly growing maritime commerce. Therein lay no threat against England, just as little as they had ever believed the vast British fleet which was being still further increased to be a menace to Germany. Colonial jealousy was mentioned next. It was perfectly true that at a time when the fatherland was torn by political dissensions and not in a position to claim a share England had taken possession of the finest territories of the old and new world, but they had no reason to regret that it had been Great Britain and not some other power, for whereas in many other colonies the tendency was to restrict trade to that with the mother country, the British dependencies stood open to everybody, and many a Hanseatic merchant must feel grateful for the hospitable reception he had met with and still found there, and which in no slight measure had enabled him to carry German commerce and German shipping to all parts of the world and to find markets for the products of German industries abroad when the German naval colonies were still unknown on the ocean. On the other hand, German enterprise had contributed not a little to the prosperity of many of the British colonies. Trade rivalry was alleged as a third cause, but assuredly with little reason. They (the Germans) no doubt rejoiced at the enormous strides in advance their trade and industries had made during the last decades; in some instances the increase showed a greater percentage than the same branches of trade in England, but to accept percentages as a criterion was misleading; they had only to cast a glance at the report before them to find, for instance, that whilst the number of merchant steamers in Great Britain had during the last three months increased but 7 per cent, as compared with 10 per cent. in Germany, the actual gain in tonnage had amounted to 953,000 tons against 268,000 tons, thus widening instead of lessening the distance between the two. Be this as it may, the idea of attempting to suppress commercial competition by main force is a most unhappy one and fallacious, as it assumes that the economic interests of a country can be promoted most effectually by damaging those of a rival state, whereas in reality the prosperity of one country reacts favourably on that of others; no country sends more commodities to Germany than the United Kingdom and no country receives more goods from Germany than Great Britain and, with the exception of India, her colonies. From the time he had first entered business his chief competitors had been English merchants, but never during the many years he had resided in a British colony had commercial rivalry affected their friendly relations; they had discussed politics together under all kinds of political constellations, but the conclusion they invariably arrived at was this:—Whatever other nations may do, the German and the English are commercial races, having a common interest in the maintenance of the policy of the open door. The idea never once entered their minds that serious complications could possibly arise, but the two great Teutonic and Protestant nations who had frequently fought shoulder to shoulder against a common foe, but had never met in hostile encounter. “In conclusion, gentlemen,” he said, “permit me to express the hope that the ill-feeling which is already subsiding, may shortly be, not only a thing of the past, but be consigned to oblivion for ever.”

Both speeches were heartily applauded by the audience, who rose from their seats in order to mark their entire approbation of all that had been said.

THE H. A. L.

I learn that the Hamburg America Line has secured a footing on the Nile by joining the “Anglo-American Nile Steamer & Hotel Company” in the formation of a new and financially more powerful company to be called “the Hamburg and Anglo-American Nile Co.” under the management of the Hamburg firm. It is stated that a number of new steamers for passengers and freight to be fitted out in the most approved style have already been ordered.

JAPANESE CONSULAR DEVELOPMENTS.

AN IMPORTANT NEW SCHEME.
It is to be expected that the next few months will witness considerable developments in not only the diplomatic, but also the Consular, service of Japan. This is a natural consequence of the growth of the country's commerce abroad, but our ally does not seem to be disposed to imitate the example of Western nations, and particularly of Great Britain, in the employment of foreigners to represent it.
Some sixty Japanese are to be sent out from Tokyo in the course of the present year to establish new Consular posts in Europe, the United States, Canada, and India. It is intended to provide half a million yen—about fifty thousand pounds sterling—in the next Estimates for the Foreign Department for this purpose, and it is of interest to know that this will allow for not only the salaries and expenses of the new officers, but for the expenditure of a considerable sum annually on the furtherance, through their agency, of Japanese interests abroad.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to the Editor, Daily Press, only, and special business matters to the Manager.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.

GOOD HOUSE, Partly Furnished. Hill District. Apply—**"K."** Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [405]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

GENTLEMAN wishes to join English Family as paying guest. Please state terms, etc. Apply to—**"W.L."** Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [410]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, King's Buildings, Connaught Road, on **WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon**, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st February to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [411]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain J. S. Rosch, will be despatched for the above Ports on **THURSDAY, the 13th inst. at 10 a.m.**

For Freight or Passage apply to **DOUGLAS LAURIE & CO.,** General Managers, Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [412]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"ALCINOUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godown of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 10th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 14th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 17th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. [9-10]

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on **THURSDAY, 15th inst.**

For Terms for Boarders or Day Scholars, apply to **THE HEADMASTER.** Hongkong, 12th February, 1906. [494]

A SELECT DAY SCHOOL.

THREE University Trained Foreign Teachers and Capable Chinese Teachers. Careful supervision and individual attention assured. Both **ENGLISH and CHINESE** taught. Special attention given to Conversational English. Only a limited number can be admitted. School Opens February 19th.

Write for catalogue or apply at once to **F. O. LEISER, Head Master,** Chinese Y.M.C.A., 26, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [358]

DANCE PROGRAMMES, FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC DANCES.

MENU CARDS.

NEWEST DESIGNS.

Specimens and Quotations forwarded on application to **THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT,** "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 16th December, 1905. [284]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Hon. The Harbour Master, to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 13th February, 1906, at 10.30 a.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (Corner of Lee House Street),

Five Cases **RIFLES and EXPLOSIVES.** N.B.—Impounding Orders can be had on application at the Government Gunpowder Depot, Green Island.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [365]

PUBLIC COMPANY
EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

New York, December 14th, 1905.

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

I had hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 9th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as **CHAIRMAN of the BOARD**, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs.

Soon after I was elected **PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY** and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of Great Britain and New York, and Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, under directions to render complete and exhaustive reports on the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.

2. The real estate investments of the Company, including in the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair valuation of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society. (If necessary, real estate experts may be employed in ascertaining the value and income of the real estate, subject, of course, to my approval as to men and terms.)

3. The other investments of the Society; their character and the circumstances under which they have been made.

4. The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.

5. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.

6. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, and other companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or otherwise. (In the case of every corporation in which the Society has a dominant or important interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be ascertained so far as practicable.)

7. The subjects covered by the report of the Investigating Committee which Mr. Erik was Chairman should be fully investigated.

8. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made that report should be carefully studied and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

Subsequently a still more elaborate plan of investigation was agreed upon with these same other institutions and I doubt if any American insurance company ever before had such an exhaustive examination.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully exposed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following note and reduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 25th, 1905.

Mr. PAUL MORTON, President,

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 130, Broadway, New York.

DEAR SIR:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far completed, that we are now in a position to furnish you with a Balance Sheet showing the true Financial Position of the Society, September 30th, 1905.

The Assets of the Society as stated and verified to be on hand, and amounted in value to \$116,166,339.10 as shown by the Balance Sheet.

The Surplus over and above all liabilities amounted to \$67,142,865.42.

A conservative revaluation of the Assets including a re-appraisal of all the real estate owned by the Society or covered by mortgage held by the Society, has resulted in a reduction in certain of the values adopted in the Society's last Annual Report, principally in Real Estate and in Stocks of certain financial institutions.

Your very truly,

(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Chartered Accountants.

(Signed) BY A. LOWES DICKINSON, F.C.A., C.P.A. HASKINS & SELLS.

Certified Public Accountants, by ELIJAH W. SELLS, C.P.A.

You will be gratified to learn:

(1) That all the assets claimed by the Society are of a high grade and are conservatively worth \$116,166,339.10.

(2) That over and above all liabilities, the surplus is \$67,142,865.42, about seven-eighths of which is a fund for dividend and existing deferred dividend policies at the end of their accumulation periods.

(3) That the reduction in the book value of our assets and surplus is caused by a revaluation on a conservative basis, and in no way reduces the income of the Society.

This decrease in the value of assets is chiefly in real estate which was carried at prices too high, and in shares of certain financial institutions which were carried at market prices based on transactions which were deemed by the accountants to be excessive.

REINFORCEMENT

Economies amounting to \$601,403.09 a year have already been introduced, which if capitalized on a four per cent. basis would be equivalent to an additional investment of over \$5,000,000. This more than covers the marking down of assets. I expect to institute still further economies of a radical character.

Under the past management transactions involving the expenditure of large sums of money have been carried through frequently without any proper authority of the Board of Directors and with very meagre bookkeeping so that it has been difficult in many instances to secure explanation of certain transactions which have taken place during the last ten years, some of which involve a financial loss to the Society.

The liabilities disclosed by the Society, and the amounts restored to the Society approximately \$31,000,000, and legal proceedings have been instituted for the recovery of considerable additional sum.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

ANNUAL AUDIT.

It will be the policy of the new administration of the Society to insist on an independent audit of its accounts as to its financial condition, once each year, the result of which will be published.

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS.

Under the change in ownership of a majority of the stock, the shares were at once put in trust and Directors are now nominated by the trustees—Hon. Grover Cleveland, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, and Mr. George Westinghouse. Thirteen Directors are chosen annually, and the Trustees will each year offer an opportunity to the policyholders to express their preferences in respect of the choice of Directors.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

It will be the policy of the Society hereafter not to make contributions to political campaigns. It is my opinion that we have no right to use the funds of the Society for any such purpose.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS.

In the last ten years the Society has loaned over \$1,200,000 on real estate mortgages, mostly in large cities. Only in six of these cases has it had to take property under foreclosure and in these six instances the property was sold so as to not a profit. It will continue to be the policy of the Society to make investments of this description.

COST OF INSURANCE.

This very essence of life insurance is safety and this can be secured only by reasonable premiums.

A great many Equitable policyholders are doubtless asking themselves the question whether it will pay them to continue their policies. To such I wish to say most emphatically that my investigation of the affairs of the Society has convinced me that there is no cheaper way for the policyholders of the Equitable to have sound life insurance than by retaining their policies. As I have pointed out, the surplus of over \$1,200,000,000, are safely invested upon a basis which returns an excellent rate of interest upon the invested funds, and I expect in due time to accomplish such economies that the cost of administration and securing new business will be reduced to the lowest possible basis consistent with safety and efficiency. I accordingly believe that by continuing their policies in the Equitable you will receive life insurance at the lowest cost consistent with safety.

I therefore advise you to continue to pay your premiums, to allow your policies to lapse will be doing your own injustice. Your contracts with this Society are as safe and sound as anything earthly can be. Where losses have already occurred the agents of the Society will cheerfully assist in restoring policies.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN 1905.

I congratulate you and all policyholders in solvent concerns on the reformatory results to the agitation of the past year. This Society alone has undergone four separate investigations since January 1st. The extraordinary legal and other expense entailed thereby is amply compensated for by the enforced restitutions and checked waste heretofore referred to and by the final assurance you now have of the wealth and solvency of your Society. I am convinced that this and other investigations and the resulting stimulation of discussion have attracted public attention to the impracticable more effectively than could have been done by any other means. While these investigations may have been destructive individual reputations, the ability of life insurance has been more fully demonstrated than ever before. There will be no effort by the new administration to have the biggest company in the world; the effort will be to make it the best and safest. Conservative lines will be followed. It will be the policy not to solicit or secure new business at the expense of the old.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, 81, George's Building, Victoria, on **SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **TUESDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, until SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.**

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [302]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held in the City Hall, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1906, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [331]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 18th day of February, 1906, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [333]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Press, on **MONDAY, the 27th day of February, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [319]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 23rd, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on **THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order.

C. PEMBERTON, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [399]

ON SALE

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, January to June 1905. With INDEX. Price \$7.50.

On sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office Hongkong 17th July, 1905.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, at 12.30 p.m. on **THURSDAY, 15th February, 1906, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers.**

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to 15th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [301]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on **FRIDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 Noon**, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the proposed special Resolutions. Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 25th January, 1906.

By Order of the Board.

JAMES WHITTALL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders, at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.

(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders to the 31st April, 1905, further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, 81, George's Building, Victoria, on **SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **TUESDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, until SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.**

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [302]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held in the City Hall, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1906, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [331]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 18th day of February, 1906, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [333]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Press, on **MONDAY, the 27th day of February, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [319]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 23rd, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on **THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order.

C. PEMBERTON, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [399]

ON SALE

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, January to June 1905. With INDEX. Price \$7.50.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, at 12.30 p.m. on **THURSDAY, 15th February, 1906, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers.**

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to 15th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [301]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

JOINT SERVICES.
FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAPAN
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 17th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LABRET"	On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TAKAKAI"	On 13th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 20th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEMUN"	On 27th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 28th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PATROCLUS"	On 13th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	On 27th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 13th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 27th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 24th April.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

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Operating in conjunction with
THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
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COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO.	"YANGTSE"	On 19th February.
HAMA	"KEMUN"	On 24th March.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, and PACIFIC COAST	"OANFA"	On 1st March.

For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [9] 10

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
TSINGTAO and CHEFOO	"CHINKIANG"	On 13th February.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 13th February.
SHANGHAI	"YOHOW"	On 15th February.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 16th February.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th February.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRN, TOWNVILLE, BELBANE, SYDNEY and ELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	On 28th February.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified surgeon is carried.
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
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REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [11]

Hongkong, 13th February, 1906.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE	REMARKS.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	JAPAN	About 14th February	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	PERA	About 14th February	Freight only.
MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	BANCA	About 15th February	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	JAVA	About 20th February	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELTA	About 23rd February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON &c, via usual ports	C. L. Daniel	Noon, 24th February	See Special of Call.

* Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.
For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 12th February, 1906.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
TAMSAI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 18th Feb., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	THURSDAY, 15th Feb., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	"TRIUMPH"	THURSDAY, 22nd Feb., at 8 A.M.

* These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light.
† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
‡ For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.
T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

Hongkong, 6th February, 1906.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DATE
PREUSSEN	14th February
ZIETEN	23rd February
PRINCESS ALICE	14th March
BAFFER	23rd March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	11th April
PRINZ BITEL FRIEDRICH	25th April
SACHSEN	9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	23rd May
ROON	6th June

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain R. Meyer, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 12th February. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on Tuesday, the 13th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 13th February. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Luggage can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA and GIBRALTAR	261 0 0	142 0 0	82 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN and HAMBURG	91 0 0	63 0 0	33 0 0

TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
VIA NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR	44 0 0	44 0 0	26 0 0
VIA BREMEN or SOUTHAMPTON	115 0 0	79 0 0	47 0 0
	88 0 0	48 0 0	27 0 0
	123 0 0	83 0 0	49 0 0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the same rates to be applied as via NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA: Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.

INTERRUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT: Passengers to European and New-York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from ALEXANDRIA, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIAN LINE. VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, FRIEDRICH-WILHELM-SHAFFEN, SIMPSONHAFEN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).
STEAMER
WILLEHAD ... 4763 tons ... TUESDAY, 6th March.
PRINZ WALDEMAR ... 3227 tons ... TUESDAY, 3rd April.
PRINZ SIGISMUND ... 3302 tons ... TUESDAY, 1st May.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th MARCH, at Noon, the Steamship "WILLEHAD," Captain Obermaier, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port as above. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Luggage can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO MANILA	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO NEW GUINEA	\$28.00	\$18.00	\$12.00
TO BRISBANE	\$38.00	\$24.00	\$16.00
TO SYDNEY	\$43.00	\$24.00	\$16.00
TO MELBOURNE	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO YOKOHAMA	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE to HONGKONG	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$60.00

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class \$97.00, 2nd Class \$60.00, 3rd Class \$36.00.
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SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE

STEAMERS	DATE
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINCESS ALICE WED'DAY, 14th February
Do	WED'DAY, 25th February

* Reaching Yokohama 14 less than six days.
TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers P.M.S.S. Co., O. & S.S. Co., T. H. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following Rates:—
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1906.

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MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date
HYADES	3,753	J. Alven	On 20th February.
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Steamers to	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
COLOMBO	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
DELHI	14th February	MOLDAVIA	24th Mar.	30th Mar.
DONGOLA	10th Mar.	MONGOLIA	21st Apr.	27th Apr.
DELTA	10th Mar.	MOOLTAN	21st Apr.	27th Apr.
OEANA	7th Apr.	MAR MORA	5th May	11th May
ARCADIA	21st Apr.	VICTORIA	20th May	26th May
DEVANIA	5th May	HIMALAYA	17th June	23rd June
DELHI	19th May	INDIA	17th June	23rd June

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.

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STEAMERS	Leave	Leave	Due at
	HONGKONG	SINGAPORE	LONDON
JAPAN	14th Feb.	23rd Mar.	31st Mar.
SUMATRA	25th Feb.	9th Apr.	14th Apr.
NUBIA	14th Mar.	21st Apr.	23rd Apr.
JAVA	28th Mar.	6th May	12th May
FORMOSA	11th Apr.	20th May	26th May

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.

* "SUMATRA" and "NUBIA" call at MARSEILLES.

† "JAPAN," "JAVA" and "FORMOSA" carry only First Saloon Passengers.

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1906.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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